



KING'S LEADERSHIP
ACADEMY BOLTON

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If a pupil's mobile phone is seen or heard anywhere on the school grounds it will be confiscated **immediately**. To avoid confiscations pupils should **not** bring mobile phones and electronic devices to school. If a pupil does bring a phone or other electronic item to school they should turn this off **before** entering the school site. If the device goes off accidentally, or is seen on the school site, it will be confiscated **immediately**. Please note that SIM cards will only be returned at the end of the confiscation period.

Some families like their children to ring home to confirm that they have arrived at school or are leaving school. However, please be assured that if a child does not turn up for school the school will contact the family directly within an hour of the morning register being taken. This reduces the need for pupils to carry phones. Should you need to contact your child in an emergency, the school office should be called. In addition, pupils may use the office phone for emergency situations to contact home.

Should an item be confiscated, items will normally be returned **after 6 weeks** from the first date of confiscation. If a pupil hesitates (even slightly) in handing over a confiscated item, they will receive a detention. If they refuse to hand it over or if they pretend that it was not theirs, the item is confiscated until the end of the following half-term. The phone will be stored in a secure safe and a ticket of confiscation will be issued to the pupil with a return date.

If a pupil is carrying more than one phone and **any** of them are seen or heard, **all** of the phones will be confiscated. In addition, any phone that is found to be turned on during bag and pocket checks will also be confiscated. If a pupil has more than one phone on their person and one of these phones was found to be turned on during a bag and pocket search, **all** of the phones on their person would be confiscated. Phones purchased through the school will be confiscated as per our normal procedure, however a shorter confiscation period may apply to the principal's discretion.

Pupils should keep **all valuables on their person at all times** and not leave items such as money, electronic devices, travel cards or keys in their bags or coats. Pupils should keep all valuables in their inside blazer pocket. **The fewer valuables brought to school the better.**

Any incident of cyberbullying or any other inappropriate use of internet or social media outside of school, where the incident concerns other members of the school community, may result in confiscation of the pupils' mobile phone. This is to the discretion of the principal and depends on the severity of the incident. Normal confiscation periods apply.